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TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Testimonial Resolution

MS. MATTIE L. MORGAN

'Celebrating Your 90TH Birthday'

Whereas, On December 11, 2018, MS. MATTIE L. MORGAN will attain the age of ninety years, a very significant and amazing milestone. The members of the Detroit City Council would like to publicly acknowledge this important event in her life; and

Whereas, MATTIE LOUIS JONES MORGAN was born on December 11, 1928, in Furman, Alabama, to Louis and Rebecca Jones. She is the tenth of thirteen children born to this union. Her parents and all but one of her siblings, Nellie, have passed on to glory. MATTIE and her siblings were raised in rural Alabama, where she attended Snow Hill Institute in Snow Hill, Alabama. It was here that she met her future husband, James T. Morgan. They were united in marriage on October 14, 1945. Tragically, in the summer of 1960, James drowned in a Florida lake; and

Whereas, MATTIE migrated north and moved her family to metropolitan Detroit, where she raised her ten children. The family lived in a public housing project. In order to provide for her family, MATTIE worked several jobs: day worker in suburban homes, cook at J.L. Hudson's, general laborer at an auto parts plant, head lunch server and latch key coordinator. Having a modest upbringing and limited formal education, it was always MATTIE'S dream to be a homeowner. In November 1972, she surpassed her goal and had a home built in northwest Detroit in the Winthrop community. MATTIE still resides there to this day. In 1983, MATTIE returned to school in pursuit of a vocation. Through her studies, she mastered furniture upholstering and sewing. In the years to follow, MATTIE became an accomplished dressmaker and designer of religious handkerchiefs and remembrance photo albums; and

Whereas, MATTIE has always been a strong advocate of the power of voting and continues to promote active participation in the electoral process. She personally took each of her children to register to vote on their eligible birthdays. In 2008, MATTIE was overjoyed to be able to cast her ballot for the first African-American president, Barack Obama. Voting is an expectation that she still has of all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. MATTIE is a dedicated member of her community and was instrumental in starting the neighborhood block club. She organized beautification projects, collected money and secured snow removal services for the area, and sought food donations for those in need. MATTIE is an avid gardener and often shares the food grown in her backyard. She is an Eastern Star member and a former member of Oak Grove AME Church. MATTIE enjoys participating in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's church, athletic and school activities. She loves to travel with her family and has visited several states in the south, Hawaii, Jamaica, and Mexico; and

Whereas, At ninety years young, MS. MATTIE MORGAN is blessed with extraordinary longevity! As family and friends are gathered here today to commemorate and celebrate her 90th Birthday, it is abundantly fitting and proper that MS. MATTIE MORGAN be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

Resolved, Now, THEREFORE BE IT

That the Detroit City Council hereby presents this Testimonial Resolution to **MS. MATTIE LOUIS JONES MORGAN** upon the grand occasion of her 90th Birthday and extends to her best wishes for continued health and happiness.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

COUNCIL MEMBER

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December 7, 2018

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Testimonial Resolution

Jolly Old Timers, Inc

60 Years of History and Still Standing

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WHEREAS: In August of 1958, 51 men of various ages and levels of education came together to merge and cement their friendships. They established the **Jolly Old Timers (JOT)** as a nonprofit social club, committed to helping the community; *and*

WHEREAS: The JOT was incorporated by the state of Michigan in 1959. Their motto became **J - Justice to all, O - Obedience to God and T - Truth and loyalty to all mankind;** *and*

WHEREAS: The JOT were trailblazers when it came to race relations. Membership in the club is multi-racial. It was a founding white member who helped navigate the discriminatory housing practices of the time and helped purchase the club house in 1968. Now (since 1993), **JOT** also includes women as members; *and*

WHEREAS: JOT members are blue collar workers, business professionals, teachers, lawyers, judges, medical professionals, politicians and City and State workers. It is appropriately described as a social club for the classy and sophisticated; *and*

WHEREAS: This diverse group continues to support the community by giving to charities, hosting fundraisers for scholarships, adopting schools and mentoring programs; *and*

WHEREAS: The inspiration that begun over 60 years ago still burns bright today. The longevity and success of this organization is attributed to a wonderful mix of its members, friends and the community. Times have changed but the needs of the less fortunate are still with us. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council celebrate the history of the **Jolly Old Timers**. Thank you for your long history of commitment to the social, educational and economic growth of the City of Detroit.

Mary Sheffield
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Joyce L. Ayers
COUNCIL MEMBER

Steve B.
COUNCIL MEMBER

Raquel Castañeda-López
COUNCIL MEMBER

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dale Schubel
COUNCIL MEMBER

Barbara
COUNCIL MEMBER

Andre Syrig
COUNCIL MEMBER

James Tate
COUNCIL MEMBER

December 3, 2018

DATE

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution

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Delicia Hazel Shimkoski

60th Birthday

WHEREAS:

Delicia Shimkoski is a native Detroiter. She grew up on Dalrymapple in 48204, where she lived with her parents Julian and Beulah Wilson and siblings, Carter and Audrey. She attended St. Phillips Lutheran School where her mother was a teacher. She is also a proud graduate of Cass Technical High School Class of 1975. While at Cass, **Delicia** lettered on the tennis team and cheer squad; *and*

WHEREAS:

Delicia has been witness to many historic moments in the history of Detroit, both the good and the bad. **Delicia** loved attending the circus with her father who was a head mechanic for the city of Detroit. It was during a trip to the circus that she witness the tragic Wallendas fall at the Olympia Arena in 1962. She witness another tragic time in Detroit's history during the 67 riots as Michigan National Guard tanks drove down her street. Yet, she is still hear to witness the resurgence of the city as a resident in a new condo at St. Anne's Gate in Southwest Detroit; *and*

WHEREAS:

Delicia attended Wayne County Community College, the University of Michigan and the University of Phoenix where she completed her Nursing degree. She served the Detroit Medical Center and Hutzel Women's Hospital for over thirty years in many capacities including staff nurse, research nurse, clinical manager and coordinator of lactation services/childbirth education. At one time, she was one of only two black nurses certified in lactation in the state of Michigan; *and*

WHEREAS:

Her professional dedication has led her to go above and beyond the call of duty through organizing education sessions, providing consultations, giving hospital tours, making home visits, working late hours, and performing various types of community services. She has been recognized professionally with awards such as the Terry Jo Curtis Ward, United States Lactation Consultants Association; the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses, the Daisy Foundation; and the GEM Award, Going the Extra Mile, from the Detroit Medical Center; to name a few; *and*

WHEREAS:

Delicia is the mother of Kevin and Jennifer, wife of Robert and a member of Sacred Heart Church. She is active in her community and has served as an elected member of the Hubbard Richard Citizens' District Council. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council celebrate 60 years of the life of **Delicia Hazel Shimkoski**. Thank you **Delicia** for your dedication to providing quality lactation and nursing services to the women of color in the city of Detroit and to increasing minority representation in professional lactation

Mary Bafford
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Janice M. Johnson
COUNCIL MEMBER

Scott D. Johnson
COUNCIL MEMBER

Raquel Castañeda-López
COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Dale Baldwin
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André J. Price
COUNCIL MEMBER

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December 23, 2018

DATE

Testimonial Resolution 173

St. Stephen A.M.E. Church

100th Anniversary Celebration 1918 – 2018

WHEREAS, For one hundred years St. Stephen A.M.E. Church has been serving communities on the west side of Detroit – preaching and teaching Christian stewardship, while nurturing the physical body, spirit and the mind through the traditions and principles of African Methodism. In 1918, Bishop Charles Spencer Smith was informed that an African Methodist Episcopal Church was needed on the west side of Detroit. The Reverend T. J. White agreed to take on this mission. On November 18, 1918, at the home of Brother Walter James, thirteen charter members signed the Document of Organization. In 1920, a lot was purchased on Stanford and Cobb; and

WHEREAS, St. Stephen A.M.E. Church has had very minimal changes in leadership over the last 100 years. Shepherds that have lead the church over the years include: Rev. Thomas J. White (1918-1920), Rev. M.C. Wright (1920-1921), Rev. S.S. Harris (1921-1923), Rev. William E. Walker (1923-1927), Rev. J.D. Howell (1927-1960), Rev. Martin Luther Simmons (1960-1972), Rev. John E. Hunter (1972-1980), Rev. Harold C. Huggins (1980-1997), Rev. Delano Bowman (1997-2004), Rev. Alfred Johnson (2004-2007) and Rev. Michael Cousin A. Cousin (2007-2017). Every new pastor that came through St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, God has given each a vision to do something that would improve and enrich the church family; and

WHEREAS, St. Stephen A.M.E. Church has continued to advance and grow over the years. Under the leadership of the church's current pastor, Rev. Darryl R. Williams, St. Stephen's mission statement has been updated to read; "To demonstrate the word, prayer, and love to people of all ages. First to one another, then to others through outreach, hospitality, and excellence." With keeping with the mission statement, a food pantry is in full swing to assist those in need. Sampson/Webber Academy was adopted and their library has been reestablished. A Little Library has been constructed outside of the church to increase literacy in the community. The ministry department added a men's ministry to assist with spiritual growth, life issues, and servicing the community. A computer lab was reopened for public use. St. Stephen A.M.E. Church has come this far by faith and continues to provide spiritual, educational, and economic nurturing for humanity. What a joy for one hundred years of service to God and the community! **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, wishes to congratulate the entire congregation of St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church on this commemoration of their 100th Church Anniversary. May God continue to bless everyone in abundance!

Mary Shifford
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Jeanne Gray
COUNCIL MEMBER

John B. B.
COUNCIL MEMBER

Raquel Castañeda-Jópez
COUNCIL MEMBER

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Darryl R. Williams
COUNCIL MEMBER

Adrienne
COUNCIL MEMBER

Jade Bryant
COUNCIL MEMBER

November 17, 2018

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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution

Honorable Judge Richard B. Halloran

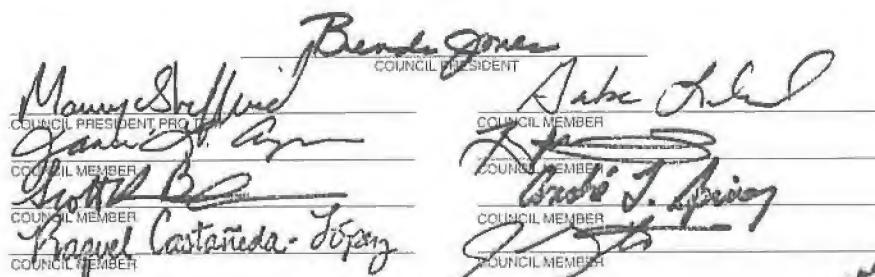
WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the members of the Detroit City Council, recognize and bestow honor upon **JUDGE RICHARD B. HALLORAN** for his outstanding leadership and illustrious career as a dedicated public servant on the occasion of his retirement from the Third Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, **JUDGE HALLORAN** is a native of Buffalo, New York. He graduated in 1970 from Canisius College with a B.A. in Psychology. In 1975, he graduated from University of Detroit School of Law and was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan. **JUDGE HALLORAN** first ran for Judge of the 36th District Court in 1981, finishing 24th that year. Being encouraged to make another run in 1982, he finished 15th for the seven additional judgeships. Leaving the practice of law in 1983, **JUDGE HALLORAN** served as the Regional Vice-President of several national real estate firms until 1990. **JUDGE HALLORAN** became a magistrate for the 36th District Court in 1990. In 1994, he was appointed by Governor John Engler as a Judge of the 36th District Court. **JUDGE HALLORAN** was not elected for 36th District Court in 1996 and returned to private practice. Private practice, didn't last long, **JUDGE HALLORAN** became an Administrative Law Judge for the Michigan Liquor Control Board. In 1998, Governor Engler appointed **JUDGE HALLORAN** to the Third Circuit Court Bench, where he has served in the Family Division for the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Because of his compassion and concern for others, **JUDGE HALLORAN** has been fighting against domestic abuse. He assisted with creating the domestic violence docket for the 36th District Court. **JUDGE HALLORAN** has served as a co-chair of the Wayne County Coordinating Council to Prevent Family Violence. He served on the Governor's Task Force to create standards for batterer intervention programs, and served on the State Domestic Violence Committee. As a Circuit Court Judge, he has created the Personal Protection Order Docket and was instrumental in creating the Solution Oriented Domestic Violence Prevention Docket that deals with high lethality cases. He was also involved in the creation of the LGBTQA Section of the State Bar and served as its chair from 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, **JUDGE HALLORAN** has received many honors and accolades for his work on the bench. He is especially proud of the work he has done on behalf of victims of domestic violence. The highlight of his career was receiving the Marilyn J. Kelly Award for outstanding service as a Family Division Judge from the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan in 2017. He has conducted himself in a fair, compassionate, and professional manner, treating members of the bar and all before him with fairness and respect. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, does hereby convey its deepest gratitude to **JUDGE RICHARD B. HALLORAN** for distinguished service to the people of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne and the State of Michigan, and wishes him a very long, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.



 Brenda Jones
 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Manny Duffin
 COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

James J. Agnello
 COUNCIL MEMBER

Scott B.
 COUNCIL MEMBER

Raquel Castañeda-López
 COUNCIL MEMBER

December 5, 2018
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Testimonial Resolution

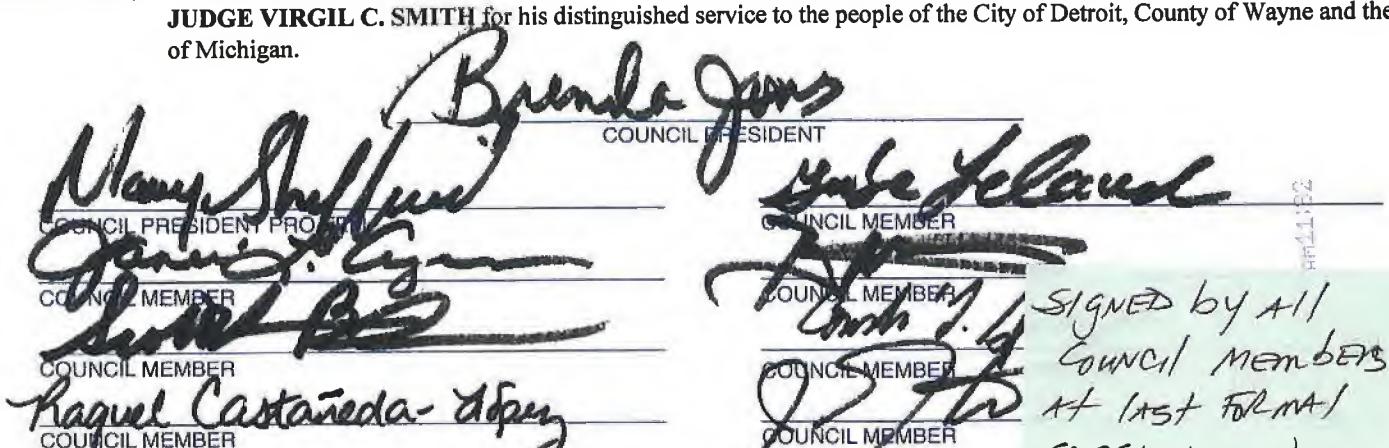
Hon. Judge Virgil C. Smith

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the members of the Detroit City Council, recognize and bestow honor upon **JUDGE VIRGIL C. SMITH**, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division, on the occasion of his retirement from the Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court. **JUDGE SMITH** was born and raised in the Conant Gardens community of Detroit, Michigan. He attended Pershing High School, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Michigan State University, and a Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University Law School in 1972. Following law school, **JUDGE SMITH** became a legal advisor to several community groups for Wayne County Legal Services, and later became the Supervising Attorney. Subsequently, he was appointed by the late Mayor Coleman A. Young, as Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Detroit Law Department; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1977, **JUDGE SMITH** was elected as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives, serving the 10th District. During his tenure as a State Representative, he chaired the Economic Development and Energy Committee and served on the Taxation, Judiciary, Elections, Finance, Local Government and Veterans Committees. He also served on the 21st Century Commission on the Courts and the Law Revision Commission. In 1980, **JUDGE SMITH** became Chair of the Special Committee on Court Reorganization, which created: a standardized Michigan Judicial System, the Office of the State Court Administrator, the Third Circuit Court, and the 36th District Court. In 1978, he and Rep. Perry Bullard, introduced legislation to force universities and corporations to divest from South Africa, and by 1988 he spearheaded the passing of the strongest divestment bill by a state legislature. **JUDGE SMITH** was elected to the Michigan Senate in March of 1988 and served as the Democratic Floor Leader. He also served as the Minority Vice-Chair for several committees, including Gaming & Casino Oversight and Government Operations. In 1994, he was invited by the post-apartheid government to come to South Africa to assist in training sessions for newly elected national and provincial legislators. In 1986, **JUDGE SMITH** was voted Legislator of the Year by both the Michigan Judges Association and the Police Officers Association of Michigan. In 2004, he was honored by the Michigan Legislative Caucus for historic achievement, as the first African American to serve as Senate Democratic leader in the Michigan Senate. In 2014, **JUDGE SMITH** was honored by the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, as one of nine Detroiters recognized for their leadership in the anti-apartheid movement; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, he served as Chief of Legislation, Grants and Community Relations for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. In 2004, he served as Chief Deputy for the Prosecutor's Office. In 2004, former Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed him to a Judgeship at the Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court. He served as the Presiding Judge of the Family Division- Juvenile Section from 2004 to 2006. On, January 1, 2009, **JUDGE SMITH** became Chief Judge of the Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court, having been appointed by a unanimous vote of the Michigan Supreme Court. He was later reappointed by the Michigan Supreme Court for terms commencing in 2010 and 2012. **JUDGE SMITH** is the first African American to serve as Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit Court, and the first African American Chief Circuit Court Judge in the State of Michigan. **JUDGE SMITH** served five years as Chief Judge, then, at the end of his second term in 2014, returned to the Juvenile Court as the Presiding Judge in the Wayne County Juvenile Court, where he served the children and families of Wayne County. Throughout his tenure as a jurist, **JUDGE VIRGIL C. SMITH** has conducted himself in a fair, compassionate and professional manner, treating members of the bar and all before him with fairness and respect. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, does hereby convey its deepest gratitude to **JUDGE VIRGIL C. SMITH** for his distinguished service to the people of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne and the State of Michigan.



 Brenda Jones
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 COUNCIL MEMBERS
 AT LAST FORMAL
 SESSION ON
 TUES. NOV. 20, 2018

December 6, 2018

DATE

Testimonial Resolution

Hon. Judge Robert J. Colombo Jr.

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the members of the Detroit City Council, recognize and bestow honor upon Chief **JUDGE ROBERT J. COLOMBO JR.**, for his outstanding leadership and illustrious career as a dedicated public servant on the occasion of his retirement from the Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, **JUDGE COLOMBO** was born on April 3, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan. He was raised in Detroit and Farmington Hills, Michigan. He graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1968. In 1972, **JUDGE COLOMBO** graduated *cum laude* from the University of Miami with a B.B.A. degree in Accounting. He spent the next three years at the Detroit College of Law, where he graduated *cum laude* with a J.D. degree in 1975. Then, he clerked for two years at the law firm of Jenkins, Fortescue, Miller & Nystrom. From June 1975 through December 1976, **JUDGE COLOMBO** served as the law clerk for the Hon. George N. Bashara Jr., of the Michigan Court of Appeals. He joined the law firm of Riley & Roumell in 1977, practicing civil, criminal and domestic relations cases at the trial and appellate levels. His civil practice included commercial business and employment cases, in addition to representing public school districts; and

WHEREAS, In November 1982, **JUDGE COLOMBO** was elected to the Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court. During his tenure he has handled civil, criminal and domestic relations cases. **JUDGE COLOMBO** handled all asbestos litigation in Wayne County for twenty-five years. In 1993, he was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to handle all of the breast implant cases in the State of Michigan. Subsequently, the Court of Appeals noted "the remarkable skill and patience exhibited by Judge Colombo in the face of some of the most expansive and complex litigation in the history of the state." In 2000, the Michigan Supreme Court appointed **JUDGE COLOMBO** to handle all class action lawsuits brought under the Michigan Antitrust Law against Microsoft; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Supreme Court appointed **JUDGE COLOMBO** as Chief Judge of the Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court in October 2013, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2014. He was reappointed for a two-year term commencing in 2016. **JUDGE COLOMBO** is also Co-Chair of the Detroit Bar Foundation. **JUDGE COLOMBO** followed his family into the legal profession. His grandfather, Emil William Colombo, was a principal in the law firm of Colombo, Colombo, Colombo, Vermuelen & Colombo. His father, Robert Colombo, was also a principal in that law firm, as well as a longtime judge in Detroit Recorder's Court and Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court. **JUDGE COLOMBO** has received numerous awards for his career in public service, including a *Spirit of Detroit Award* for reinstating a Law Day program, through which city high school students visit the court to hear from keynote speakers and participate in a mock trial. He was recently honored as the 2018 recipient of the *14th Annual Dennis W. Archer Public Service Award* from the Detroit Bar Association & Foundation. Chief **JUDGE COLOMBO** has been a leader among leaders who has helped guide the implementation of e-filing in Michigan among many other accomplishments. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, does hereby convey its deepest gratitude to Chief **JUDGE ROBERT J. COLOMBO JR.** for his distinguished service to the people of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne and the State of Michigan.

Mary Shiffner
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM
James P. Agius
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Brenda Jones
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December 5, 2018

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COUNCIL members
at last formal
SESSION on
THURS. NOV. 29, 2018

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In Memoriam

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JAMES TURNER SANDERS, JR.

(JANUARY 26, 1959-NOVEMBER 25, 2018)

WHEREAS James Turner Sanders, Jr. was born on January 26, 1959 in Monroe, Louisiana to his parents, the late James Turner Sanders, Sr. and Elmar Jean Sharkley. He accepted Christ at an early age; **and**

WHEREAS James was educated in the Flint Public School system. He furthered his education and graduated from Oakland Community College, receiving his Associates Degree in Social Work; **and**

WHEREAS James was a dedicated father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He enjoyed the company of his family, but most of all, spending time with his grandson; **and**

WHEREAS James was a man of enormous strength and had a heart for helping people. He worked as a Legislative Assistant to Detroit City Councilman Roy McCalister, Jr., assisting the residents of Detroit by being a liaison for the councilman; **and**

WHEREAS It being the will of our Lord, James was called home from labor to reward on November 25, 2018. His presence, character and sense of humor will truly be missed by all of those who knew and loved him; **NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**

RESOLVED That Councilman Roy McCalister, Jr. and the entire Detroit City Council hereby recognizes and sends our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of **James Turner Sanders, Jr.** *"Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that were I am, there ye may be also."* John 14: 1-3

Mary Shippard
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Janet
COUNCIL MEMBER
Sandra
COUNCIL MEMBER
Rachel Castañeda-López
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Debra D.
COUNCIL MEMBER
Carol D. R.
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James Tate
COUNCIL MEMBER
Dec 1, 2018
DATE



Testimonial Resolution

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*Mrs. Bernice Robinson**"90th Birthday Celebration"*

WHEREAS: Mrs. Bernice Robinson, born December 27, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan, the oldest child of John Aaron and Everlena (McCoy) Robinson Sr. from Dixie, Georgia. Bernice the first-born grew up at 2700 Smith St. in Hamtramck, Michigan where her father John Aaron worked at Dodge Main Plant (Chrysler Corporation) and her mother Everlena, a homemaker in the 1930's. As the oldest of her four siblings, Catherine, John Aaron, and Oscar, Bernice helped take care of them and household chores, AND

WHEREAS: Mrs. Bernice Robinson, married twice, her first marriage to Mr. Carl Jasper Lester, May 21, 1946, in Detroit, Michigan, and later married John Aulter Amos in Ohio on January 6, 1976. Mr. John Aulter Amos died in May 1989. Their first-born, Charlton Aaron Amos passed away in the 80s, leaving to cherish his memory three siblings, Stacey, Kim, and Jordale, AND

WHEREAS: In furthering her education and being an avid reader, Mrs. Bernice Robinson graduated from Northern High School in 1941, where she later taught History and ended her teaching profession at Pontiac High School as a History teacher when she retired in 1974. Bernice was also a Notary for over fifteen years, AND

WHEREAS: Mrs. Bernice Robinson reminisces growing up in Hamtramck and Detroit, experiencing a difficult period in her life where there was no leisure time because they had to help with chores, and go to school which prevented boys, and girls from playing and running down the street as they do today. Two important events Bernice remembers; a peaceful demonstration attended by thousands for the freedom of people all over the United States marching down Woodward Ave on June 23, 1963, when Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at Cobo Hall delivering his famous speech "I Have a Dream." On the other hand, the 1967 Detroit riot that began on 12th street, Sunday, July 23, that lasted five days, a confrontation between black people and the Detroit police where 43 people died, 342 injured, and approximately 1,400 buildings burned, AND

WHEREAS: On Saturday, October 1, 2017, Mrs. Bernice Robinson walked over to the now-closed Johnson Recreation Center to the 8 Mile Rd Community Unity Walk, to bridge Residents, Churches & Community Groups. We as a community stand on the shoulders of a kind, educated, gentle, and soft-spoken lady. As Ms. Bernice Robinson celebrates her ninety birthday she is asked if she had the opportunity to live her life over again, what would she do differently? Mrs. Bernice Robinson said, "She would not work as hard as she did, not allow people to boss her around telling her what to do, nor sit up in a balcony at a movie theater where blacks only were allowed, but instead she would sit downstairs with the white folks!" NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE

RESOLVED: That Council Member Roy McCalister Jr., along with Detroit City Council, would like to take this time to honor you, Mrs. Bernice Robinson as you celebrate your 90th Birthday on this 27th Day of December. May God continue to bless you!

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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COUNCIL MEMBER

*Mary Buffal
Jane Roy
Scott Benson
Raquel Castañeda-López*

December 27, 2018

DATE



Testimonial Resolution

ARLENE STARGHILL

'In Recognition of Your Centennial 100TH Birthday'

Whereas,

On December 13, 2018, ARLENE STARGHILL will attain the age of **ONE HUNDRED YEARS**, a very significant milestone, reserved for very few. The Detroit City Council would like to publicly acknowledge this important event in her life; and

Whereas,

ARLENE STARGHILL, one of our esteemed centenarian citizens, has lived a rich and blessed life, having experienced, first-hand, 100 of the most eventful and productive years in American and world history. ARLENE was welcomed into the world by her loving parents, Henry Millner and Janie Millner Davis, on December 13, 1918, in Algoma, West Virginia. ARLENE was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Otis Clayton Straghill Sr. in 1936 and celebrated 72 years of marriage and were together to the end! To this union, five children were born; Walter, Otis Jr. Janice, Gene and Susan. ARLENE is a grandmother of 11, a great-grandmother of 13, and a great-great-grandmother of 12. ARLENE and Otis moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1946 after working and living in Vancouver, Washington building ships for World War II; and

Whereas,

ARLENE joined The House of God Church, Keith Dominion and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1948, where ARLENE also worked with the Young People's Christian Academy. In 1955, ARLENE was appointed by the late Bishop J. Thomas State Secretary of the Michigan Diocese and State Agent where she served with great privilege and honor over the following offices: Church Reporter, Church Announcer, Chairman of the Building Fund, Food Committee Chairman, Trustee Board Secretary and Church Treasurer. ARLENE became ordained as a Deacon in 1971 and served as Chairman of the Deacon Board faithfully for 20 years; and

Whereas,

ARLENE organized the Missionary Department in Pontiac, Michigan under the late Bishop J. Thomas. ARLENE is the Founder and President of the Mary Magdalene Club. Deaconess Starghill was awarded the Keith Dominion Award, which is the most prestigious award given by The House of God Church that recognizes over 50 year of outstanding achievement! She was also awarded the Bishop Maurice & Fannie Beard Continued Service Award in 2017. In 2018, ARLENE was awarded the International Deacon's Union Frank Blue Continued Service Award and the Missionary Longevity Award; and

Whereas,

ARLENE STARGHILL warm and friendly spirit is embodied in her gracious smile, which touches the heart of everyone she knows. As family and friends are gathered here today to commemorate and celebrate her **100th Birthday**, it is abundantly fitting and proper that ARLENE STARGHILL be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

Resolved,

That the Detroit City Council and office of **Council President Pro Tempore Mary Sheffield**, wishes to take this opportunity to honor and recognize one of Detroit's centenarian citizens, ARLENE STARGHILL, upon this grand occasion of her **100th Birthday**.

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